



Cape Girardeau #639

“The Purple Pig”

“Editorial Comment”

I have two sons in California I have seen the Purple Pig out there visiting lodges.

During my visits at Cape I have visited with Larbo Eysers. I asked him about California and the Pig and he sent me the following Email ..too long to put in the Paper but to neat not to share on the E Shozem. Bud



Bud.....I joined the Elks Lodge 2492 (I think), in Simi Valley, California 43 years ago as a charter member. At that time, we were presented a purple pig, which on its side said "A coin a day, they'll walk, talk, see and play." We were told it may be a great idea if we waited until the Purple Ball to bring them (the pigs) in to be emptied, and returned. However, many members brought them in during the year when they were full, and took them back home to be filled again.

I do have a little story about a LIVE pig. Al Spatz, a PER, asked me if I could keep a little pig at my ranch for a month, to be passed on to the next person. uh huh, right. The idea was to fatten it up, and be auctioned off before the Purple Ball, and the money to be added to the charity. Great idea, right? I had the thing for about four months, during which it would escape, and got a whole lot bigger- on one instance, my then wife called me at work and said the pig had escaped again, and the Simi cops had it surrounded, and Cochran street had been blocked off. They had their guns out, pointing at the pig like it was a terrorist, I guess. I think they had never seen a large pig before. Anyway, my wife came out with a broom, and wacked it several times, herding it back to its pen, all the while, the cops were following her, guns still drawn.

That was only one instance, not mentioning it rooted up all her flowers, etc. Finally, Al and some others brought a horse trailer to take it to the Oxnard Lodge. I hog tied it, and we loaded it on a old door, and carried it to the trailer like pall bearers, and dumped it into the trailer. Talk about GLAD! Seeing that trailer go out of site was a cause for a celebration! I learned later that they let it lose in the meeting room, which it then ran amok, scattering Elks, tables, chairs. I think they didn't think it was very funny- however, the thing did bring quite a bunch of money in at the auction. If you need any more information, let me know, Your Elk brother, Larbo



Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 Please let the Elks know about the Youth Ambassador Program in the state of Missouri and Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 commitment in supporting our youth and community with their donations of \$1000 for two high school student youth ambassadors. (See entire article in EShozem) (Pictured are: left or right, front row: Frank Scarpino, ACT MO board member; Anna Koeller, Stover School Coordinator and CLEAR coalition secretary; back row: Murray Clawson, Chairman Osage Community Elks Drug Awareness Program; Joe Viebrock, Youth Ambassador; Camren Worthley, Youth Ambassador; Chuck Daugherty, Executive Director, ACT MO (Missouri Association of Community Task Forces); Doug Mattenlee, Past President from Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 (The Laurie Elks) and Jeanne Costello, Chairman of the Osage Community Elks

Past President Association. Cam and Joe were selected based on recommendations from Morgan County CLEAR coalition (Community Leaders Educating About Resistance) and qualities listed on their application and essay as well as being students in good academic standing. The program was funded through local donations from Osage Community Elks Drug Awareness Program and the Osage Community Elks PER Association.

Youth Ambassadors Selected

Camren Worthley and Joe Viebrock, sophomores at Stover High School has been selected to be a Youth Ambassador for Missouri’s Youth/Adult Alliance (MYAA)’s Youth Ambassador Program. By becoming a Youth Ambassador, they will gain the confidence to be an advocate in the field of substance abuse prevention. This includes grassroots advocacy through community mobilization and transformation, as well as advocating at the State Capitol with legislators. The goal is that the students will leave the program feeling empowered to create change in their community - no matter how big or small!

Youth Ambassadors play an integral role in the overall development and operation of MYAA’s statewide underage drinking prevention initiative. MYAA’s adult members will work together with the Youth Ambassadors in planning and implementing prevention practices and programs, as well as yearly events including the annual statewide youth conference, Speak Hard and annual Prevention Day at the Capitol.

Youth Ambassadors will be expected to serve in leadership roles within their community. They may be called upon to represent MYAA at conferences, media events, and other types of engagements throughout their term as a Youth Ambassador. The term will be through the end of the 2015-16 school year.

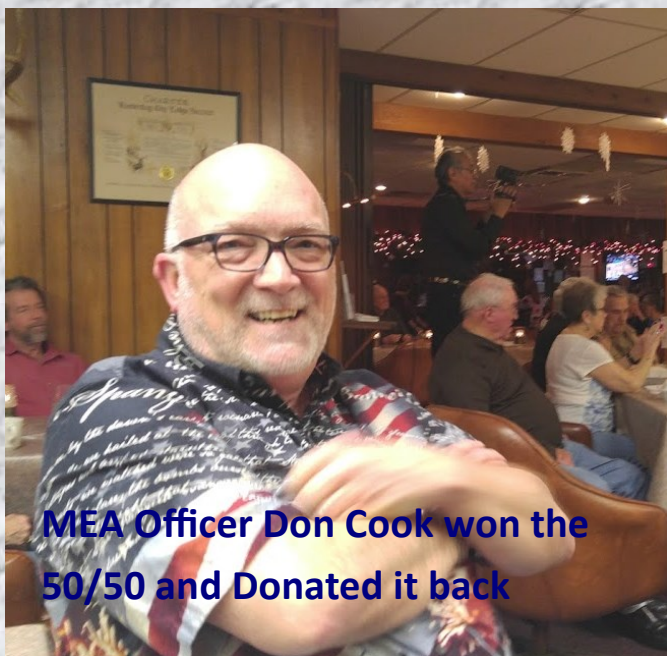
Members of MYAA’s Youth Ambassador Program are hardworking and well versed individuals who have demonstrated their commitment by reaching out to peers, friends, and younger students. Youth Ambassadors shall serve as role models for other students and agree to abstain from using drugs and alcohol. Joe Viebrock has already been involved with prevention activities. He is working with other Stover youth on the Bulldogs Tobacco Free group and is involved in Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), A+, Student Council, and MCRI Soccer Team. Camren Worthley has been involved with prevention activities for several years. He is in his second year as a part of the tobacco free youth group, and is involved in FCCLA, Student Council, FCA, and sports including soccer, basketball and golf.

Joe shared, “Drug and alcohol prevention is a very important thing in today's world. Teens everywhere are being pressured into drugs and alcohol. They need a positive influence from someone they know and respect.” Camren said, “Drug and alcohol prevention is important to me because I see too many of today’s youth being wrapped up in tobacco at a very young age. This time I want to be the one who stops them.” Through donations from local community groups, funding will cover all expenses for the youth ambassador’s work. These youth are being sponsored by the Laurie Elks Drug Awareness Program, Murray Clawson Chairman, and the Laurie Elks Past President Association, Jeanne Costello Chairman. Camren and Joe were nominated to serve in the program by Morgan County CLEAR coalition.

Kimberling City Pizzazz Big Elk Show



Kimberling City Men's 2nd Annual Pizzazz Show raised \$500+ for Elks National Foundation. The entertainment was great with the "Ladies" providing music. The show was highlighted with a "Shotgun Wedding" cheered on by the BigES Pizzazz girls.



MEA Officer Don Cook won the 50/50 and Donated it back



Charlie Chaplin Was
Awesome



Mineral Area

Law Enforcement Appreciation



PSP Roland Seal has been Championing this program for 24 years.



MEA Drug Awareness Chairman Charlie Smith delivered an awesome speech covering all aspects of Law Enforcement and Community Service as well as the Elks Drug Awareness program.



On Thursday February 25th Mineral Area Elks #2583 hosted its 24th Annual Law Enforcement Officers Appreciation Night. State Drug Awareness Chairman Charlie Smith was the key speaker. He discussed Missouri Elks Association Drug Awareness program Charlie also spoke about the DARE program and about law enforcement and how much they do for our communities.



PSP Jim Hahn Thanked all of the area Law Enforcement and Emergency Officers



*A huge turnout of Elks
And our Defenders*



Bonnie makes sure no one goes home Hungry!!!

Missouri Elks
Are Invited to Attend
The 48th Annual Missouri Elks Golf Association State Tournament
August 6th & 7th, 2016
Hosted by, **CLINTON LODGE #1034**

Meadow Lake C.C.
1000 Watson Parkway
Clinton, Mo. 64735
660-885-5124 (golf shop)
www.facebook.com/meadowlakecc

Clinton C.C.
225 N.E. 100 Road
Clinton, Mo. 64753
660-885-2521
www.clinton-country-club.com

Format – 2 Man Scramble - Shotgun Start – 7:00AM & 1:00PM

No Entries will be accepted after July 29th

Limited to the First 288 Teams – Number of Flights determined by the number of entries. Equal Prizes for all Flights.

Entry Fee includes Green Fees and Carts for both days of the Tournament.

Make your own reservations for Practice Rounds; practice rounds are not included in the entry fee.

Practice rounds are available both Thursday and Friday, at both courses for a fee of \$30.00 includes cart.

\$250 Entry Fee 2 Man Team

\$30 Late fee applied after July 10th

Tee times will be confirmed by postcard before July 27th to Player 1.

Cancellations received after July 1st will receive a 50% refund of the entry fee.

Cancellations received after July 24th will not receive a refund of the entry fee.

Dress Code: No Jeans or Jean shorts, Shirts Must be Worn and Must Have a Collar, Soft Spikes Only.

All Elks 65 and older will play from Senior Tee's. 75 and Older will play from the Forward tees.

Entrants must be an Elk Member in good standing. Current Elks Membership card must be presented at registration.

Flights will be determined after two days of play. Flight breaks will be made to insure as equal a number of teams per flight as possible, regardless of stroke differential. Tournament Prizes and Skin Money will be awarded by mail. Eight Flights, Eight places each flight. Skins paid in each flight.

Mail to:
Al Stansfield
1805 SW Crystal Creek Pl.
Blue Springs, Mo. 64015 (816-536-9978)

For Information:
Tom Pouche, Missouri Elks State Golf Chairman
1509 Sunny Creek Lane, Blue Springs, Mo. 64014
cell-816-456-3939 /email- tpouchegolfchairman@gmail.com

detach and return with your check made payable to : **Missouri Elks Golf Assn.**

Tee times will be confirmed by postcard before July 27, 2016 to Player 1.

Lodge Name and Number _____

Player 1 _____ Player 2 _____

Address P1 _____ Address P2 _____

City P1 _____ Zip _____ City P2 _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone P1 _____ Home _____ Cell phone P2 _____ Home _____

Player 1 Email _____ Player 2 Email _____

(cell numbers and e-mail addresses vital to receive info about tournament and local events)

Check if player 1 is age 70-74 _____ Player 2 _____

Preferred Tee Time (first 50% will be preferred)

(Check One) Preferred Tee Times will be on a first come first serve basis.

_____ **Saturday 1:00pm and Sunday 7:00am**

_____ **Saturday 7:00am and Sunday 1:00pm**

NOTE: If you do not yet know who your partner will be for the State Tournament, but wish to secure a **spot** for your team, please send in your entry and check (for full payment). Please notify Tom Pouche by phone or e-mail ASAP with your partners name and address, as this will make things easier at registration.

Make Check Payable to: Missouri Elks Golf Assn. Entry Fee of \$250.00, includes postage, handling, skins, mulligans, and prizes. **\$280.00 after July 10, 2016.**

Headquarters:

Hampton Inn, 900 Kansas Ave, Clinton, Mo. 64735, #855-271-3622 (sold out)

Parkfield Inn, - 506 Kansas Ave, Clinton, Mo. 64735, # 660-890-6188 (sold out)

M Star Motel, - 106 S. Baird St., Clinton, Mo. 64735, # 660-885-2206 (sold out)

Bucksaw Resort, \$71.00 - 670 S.E. 803 Rd., Clinton, Mo. 64735 # 660-477-3900 (rooms available)

USA Inn, - 1508 N. Second St., Clinton, Mo. 64735 #660-885-2267 (sold out)

Haysler House Bed&Breakfast, \$135.00 - 301 S. Second, Clinton, Mo. #660-885-2117 (available)

Uncle Gabby's Motel, \$55.00 - 10825 Hwy 7, Clinton, Mo. #660-477-3331 (15 Min.) (available)

Grand River Resort, \$69.00 to 89.00 - 11919 Hwy 7, Warsaw, Mo. 65355, # 660-438-2743 (available)

Warrensburg, Mo (30 Minutes.) Shuttle from Warrensburg not available this year.

Holiday Inn Express, \$99.00 - 626 Russell Ave. Warrensburg, Mo. 674093, # 660-747-3000 (available)

Comfort Inn, \$99.00 - 609 E. Russell Ave., Warrensburg, Mo. 64093. # 660-429-4848(available)

Note: Both Warrensburg motels are within 4 blocks of Warrensburg Elks Lodge.

CLINTON ELKS LODGE #1034, 115 W. Franklin, Clinton, Mo. 64735 #660-885-3481

WWW.CLINTONELKS.COM WILL HAVE INFORMATION FOR WEEKEND EVENTS.

Both courses will be open for lunch and dinner, plus food on the course. Sale of food and beverages on the courses, will benefit the Lodge.

Alcoholic beverages must be purchased at both courses.(no private coolers allowed.)

Clinton Lodge will also be open for lunch and dinner.

Live entertainment both Friday and Saturday nights at the Lodge.

Shuttle service from local motels only.

Hole sponsorship signs are available for \$60.00. Contact Steve Cummings, #660-885-1123



**EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT
ELKS GOLF TOURNAMENT
SATURDAY – JUNE 4, 2016**



RAIN DATE: SUNDAY – JUNE 5, 2016

8:00 AM TEE TIME

STE. GENEVIEVE GOLF COURSE

3 PERSON SCRAMBLE

\$75 / PERSON OR \$225 / TEAM

includes Skins & Mulligans

Proceeds to benefit:

MISSOURI ELKS BENEVOLENT TRUST

FREE FOOD & BEVERAGES

PRIZE MONEY - \$4,080.00

BASED ON 216 PLAYERS - 72 TEAM LIMIT

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST PROVIDED



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MUST SHOW PAID UP ELKS MEMBERSHIP CARD AT SIGN IN

CAPTAIN'S NAME: _____ LODGE: _____

2ND PLAYER: _____ LODGE: _____

3rd PLAYER: _____ LODGE: _____

CONTACT #: _____ AMOUNT PAID: \$ _____ DATE: _____

MUST BE AN ELK IN GOOD STANDING TO PLAY

OPEN TO ALL ELKS MAY 1, 2016

Mail to: JOE SHIREY

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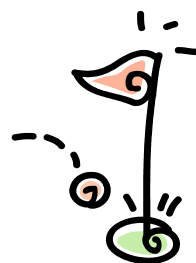
Phone: 573 883-5816

Make Check Payable to:

ECD Golf Tournament

NO ENTRIES AFTER

Monday 05.23.2016



Eureka-Pacific Elks Lodge #2644

The last two days of 2015 brought devastation to many communities in Missouri, including the cities of Eureka and Pacific. The “New Year’s Flood” (as it will long be remembered) saw waters rise to record levels thus affecting areas never before touched by flood waters.

Indeed the end of 2015 brought suffering. However, 2016 came and brought a much different type of flood, it brought a flood of much needed help and hope to those in need. The community came together and wrapped their collective arms around the flood victims to let them know they were not on their own. In a matter of hours vast quantities of volunteer labor and materials began to appear.

Before we write about how your fellow Elks participated, we must first acknowledge the tireless efforts of many who served the community during the flood, and who continue to do so now. Simple words won’t come close to describing the impact made by all the first responders, local officials, residents, businesses, local organizations and churches, along with countless others throughout the St. Louis area and beyond. Your response was overwhelming and heartwarming. We wish to send our most sincere thanks to each of you.

The Elks worked hand-in-hand with those mentioned above. The motto “Elks Care – Elks Share” clearly came to life as the members of the Eureka-Pacific Elks Lodge #2644 rolled up their sleeves and pitched in. Even before the flood waters came, lodge members worked to fill and place sandbags and help move equipment and furniture out of the path of the rising waters.

As the flood waters began to recede, things really hit high gear. The local authorities asked the Elks if the lodge could be used as a “Command Center” for volunteers. Volunteers were asked to report to the lodge to register and be assigned work duties. The lodge facilities were used to prepare and serve meals to volunteers and flood victims alike. The lodge also served as a make shift “transportation hub” that shuttled volunteers to work areas as needed.

Another way the Eureka-Pacific Elks were involved was through a joint fund raiser called “High Water Jam”. Folks from Not in Our Back Yard (NIOBY), the Elks, and the Wine House (a local Eureka establishment) hosted several St. Louis area bands who donated their time and talents to bring the community together to raise funds to be distributed to those in need.

Lastly, the Eureka-Pacific Elks were asked to serve as the central collection point for cash donations. An account was set up and donations came in from all across the state and even from outside of Missouri. A committee comprised of local officials, residents and Elks will work to determine how the funds will be dispersed.

The members of Eureka-Pacific Elks Lodge #2644 are happy to have been a part of the overall response and we are extremely proud of the heart of this community!

EUREKA-PACIFIC STRONG !



Aerial picture over Pacific



Old Town Eureka



Old Town Eureka



Sandbagging in advance of the flood



The Lodge serving lunch to volunteer workers



Volunteer workers at the lodge having lunch



Clean up after the waters receded



Working with residents in the community



Columbia 594 Elk member Michael Cox, a long-time guardian on Central Missouri Honor Flights, took this picture of a firework burst, part of a large display PER Danny Sapp and Lecturing Knight Greg Hawkins put on Interstate 70 for a recent and each returning flight.



Hannibal Elks Lodge 1198 hosted Art for a Cause on October 10, 2015. \$220 was raised for local Girl Scout Troop # 9010.



Hannibal Elks Lodge # 1198 hosted a youth fishing derby for 12 local children, some with special needs. Lunch was furnished and new fishing rods and reels were presented to each child.



Officers and members of Jefferson City Lodge 513 had the honor to host a dinner for officers and crew from the USS Jefferson City Submarine on September 24, 2015. While the ship is in dry dock in Hawaii the officers and crew had the opportunity to visit their namesake. While in Jefferson City the officers and crew were also treated to dinner at the American Legion, helped at a local Habitat for Humanity home-site, enjoyed the city's annual Oktoberfest, visited the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall, took a night tour of the the city's historic State Penitentiary and enjoyed a picnic dinner with the citizens of Jefferson City. Commanding Officer John Croghan presented the Lodge with a plaque commemorating their visit.

Pictured are from left to right: LTGJ James Adams, PAO/ Barry Parsons, PER, Trustee/ Mark Johnson, Leading Knight/LTJG Kevin McKee, Junior Officer/ Chief of the Boat Joseph Bransfield FTCMCSS/Commanding Officer CDR John Croghan/ EM1 Kevin Hancock/ EM3 Brandon Britt/ Wanda Stayton, Loyal Knight/ Brian Crawford, PER, PSP, Trustee. Kneeling is Steve Green, PER.

Jefferson City Lodge 513 participated in the City of Jefferson City's annual Trunk or Treat on October 24. Over 1,200 hundred children passed through the Lodge's tent where Lodge members dressed in costume handed out treats, a few surprises and Drug Awareness coloring books. A "goolish" time was had by all.

Jefferson City Lodge 513 held their fall Red Cross Blood drive on October 28 with 20 units donated.

Jefferson City Lodge 513 held their annual Halloween Dance for the adult New Horizon Psychosocial Rehabilitation Center on October 21. Over 80 adults and four supervisors from the Jefferson City and Columbia facility attended and feasted on burgers, fries and soda. Prizes were awarded for the best costumes. For the past 14 years the Lodge has hosted four dances a year for the center with music provided by the same DJ and look forward to the tradition in place for many years to come.



Hannibal Elks Lodge # 1198 hosted the annual Golf Tournament for Scholarships on October 3, 2015 at Norwoods Golf Course. The four-person scramble raised \$3,260 for their Scholarship fund.



With money from the Beacon Grant, Jefferson City, MO, 513 members, spouses, children and students from Lincoln University put together and delivered turkey dinners to 67 families in Jefferson City and the surrounding area.

Jefferson City, MO, 513 held their annual Veteran's Day Thanksgiving meals on November 11, serving lunch and dinner. 315 meals were served with 115 of those to Veterans at no charge. The Lodge has been hosting these meals for over 15 years.



On November 25, Jefferson City, MO, Lodge #513 prepared and served 70 Thanksgiving dinners to the veterans, their families and staff at the Harry S. Truman Medical Center in Columbia, MO. Five Elk members, along with VAVS Representative Eileen Scrivner and Deputy Representative Wanda Staton, assisted in preparing and serving the meals along with 12 year old Aiden Foster. Aiden started the meal off with a musical performance on his violin of the Star Spangled Banner and then later with Christmas tunes.



Joyce Gentry, NE District VP, and Janet Jones, PER Mexico Lodge visiting the Trimble House in Louisiana, MO



Elroy the Elk from Mexico ELKS Lodge #919 along with the Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler, Larry Frey, visited St. Joseph Catholic School in Martinsburg to celebrate Drug Awareness and Red Ribbon Week. They were joined by Adam Hombs, Danielle Brooks, Travis Swaim, and Courtney Bertels, four students from Community R-VI who spoke about the activities they are involved in, their future ambitions and why it is important to be drug-free. Drug Awareness materials were given out to the children from the Mexico Lodge 919.



St Clair Elks donate \$5000 to their DARE program with proceeds from our annual golf tournament. In 2011 Deputy Herwig began the D.A.R.E. Kids for Vets Campaign. This project was to challenge his D.A.R.E. Kids to do something to give back to their community. Being a veteran of Operation Iraq Freedom, Deputy Herwig challenged the students to gather toiletry items for homeless veterans. In four years the fall semester students have gathered over 36,000 items for local and homeless veterans.



A commendation was presented to Freddie Troutner, Louisiana 791 Life Member and past Officer of the Year, for his dedication and generous \$1,000 in contributions to the Elks National Foundation. Pictured above is: Exalted Ruler Roy St. Clair, Freddie Troutner, and Lodge Chairman Elks National Foundation Ritchie Minor. Thank you for your generosity Freddie!



At their monthly December visit to the Harry S. Truman Veteran's Hospital in Columbia members celebrated Christmas. Besides their monthly bingo game and snack day the Veterans had a surprise visit by Santa and Mrs. Clause (members Chris and Angie DeBroeck) who delivered gifts and good will to all.



Jefferson City held their third annual Christmas Eve dinner for the Veteran's, their families and staff at the Harry S. Truman Veteran's Hospital in Columbia. Brian Crawford was the lead chef with nine JC Elk members assisting in serving the group. (not pictured - Jim Logan)

West Central Spring 2016

Benton County Elks Lodge 2783



Elk members present to hand out candy to area children on October 31st included Pam Robertson, Stan Schierholz, Ken and Sherrie Bast, Vickie, Samantha and Oakleigh Nash, Craig Reed, Buellah Bishop, and Jack and Judy Youngs. It was a fun evening, and we gave \$500.00 in member donated candy to at least 1,000 kids.



On December 9th, the Lodge sponsored and hosted the annual Christmas dinner and dance for the Adults with Disabilities. This was made possible due to the Lodge having received the Beacon Grant from the Grand Lodge. There were 57 attendees and staff and 8 Elks on hand to assist where needed.



November 4th, the Lodge hosted the annual Halloween Party for Adults With Disabilities. As in past years, everyone had a great time with music, dancing and a costume contest. We estimated 33 attendees plus 17 staff members present. There were also approximately 12 to 15 Elks at the party to assist as needed.



Music therapy for Alzheimer's patients. The Lodge donated IPODS and earphones to the Lincoln Nursing Home for Christmas 2015. Based on research by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, music can provide many benefits to these patients. Following is a quote from their research. "When used appropriately, music can shift mood, manage stress-induced agitation, stimulate positive interactions, facilitate cognitive function, and coordinate motor movements". Pictured left is ER, Pete Nash with a patient. Pictured right is additional Elks with patients and nursing home director, Donna Bowers.

West Central Spring 2016

Greenview Elks Lodge 2857



The Greenview, Mo. Elks Lodge No. 2857 recently donated \$100 to benefit the Macks Creek Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Pictured left to right are PTO president Joni Lane, Elks trustee Randy Swim and PTO treasurer Amber Stoufer.



The Greenview Elks Lodge No. 2857 was proud to provide Thanksgiving Food Baskets to 40 families this year through our Elf Fund Program. This program also provided food and gifts at Christmas time to needy families in our community.



The Greenview Elks Lodge No. 2857 is proud to sponsor the Student of the Month Program at Macks Creek Elementary. Pictured is 6th grader Molly Phillips, December student of the month.



The Greenview Elks Lodge No. 2857 held an 8 Ball Pool Tournament on September 12th. Pictured are finalists, left to right Blair Dubos, 1st place and Chris Miller, 2nd place.



Greenview Elks Lodge No. 2857 thanks Southwest Electric for their recent donation of \$500. Southwest Electric Employees donate a portion of their check each week as a part of their "Concern for Community Program". The donation will benefit the Greenview Elks charities. Pictured are Elks member Vicky Johnson accepting check from Southwest Electric Employees Ben Gerke and Jarrod Campbell.



BIKE RODEOS

Grandview-Hickman Mills Lodge #2088 and the Grandview Police Department hosted 3 bike rodeos in April and May of 2015. We gave out 150 helmets, provided hotdogs, chips and a drink to participants and parents. We also provided backpacks with bike lights and water bottles to the participants. This was done with the help of the Beacon Grant. This year's rodeos are scheduled for April 2nd and April 16th and are again a joint effort between the Grandview-Hickman Mills Elks and the Grandview Police Department.



CURRENT STATE PRESIDENT VISITS LODGE OF 3 PAST STATE PRESIDENTS

On January 15th, 2016, the Grandview-Hickman Mills Lodge #2088 hosted MEA State President Duane Heldenbrand for a Denim & Diamonds Dinner & Dance. Grandview-Hickman Mills Lodge #2088 is the only Lodge in the State of Missouri with three living Past State Presidents: Bill Gill, 1966-1967, Otto Sayles 2002-2003, and Richard Larkin, 2012-2013. Pictured above left to right: Otto Sales, PSP, Bill Gill, PSP, GVHM Exalted Ruler Lois Cavanaugh, Duane Heldenbrand, MEA State President, and Rich Larkin, PSP.



Grandview-Hickman Mills Lodge 2088 Veterans Committee

On October 3rd Grandview-Hickman Mills Elks Veteran's Committee sponsored a Taco Eating Contest. We raised over \$1,200 to assist our local Veterans. We were able to provide \$750 toward the Veterans Appreciation Dinner which was held on November 7, 2015. All the meals and entertainment are free of cost to all veterans during this evening. We also were able to give \$200 to defray costs for miniature Christmas trees for the V.A. Hospital, \$80 for toilet tissue for the St. Michaels Veteran's Home, and \$200 to assist a local veteran. We would like to thank the participants in the contest: District V.P. Paul Quirk, District Sargent at Arms, Eric Farmer, District Esquire to the District Deputy John Reinhart, District Director Garry Bockes, and Lodge members Darrell Quinley, Leading Knight, Tom Heller, PER, Ron Demoret, and Onie Jaekel. After many hours of our D.E.A.R.S. ladies organization hanging candy on Christmas trees, the trees were delivered to the Veterans Hospital, St. Michaels Veteran apartments, and the Veterans Home in Warrensburg. The trees were delivered by the Veterans Committee, Midwest Young Marines, and GVHM Elks that worked on the project. It was such a joy to see the happy faces on the receiving Veterans.





SENIOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

Grandview-Hickman Mills #2088 served over 150 Seniors Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 19th at The View community center in Grandview, Missouri. This is our eleventh year of cooking and serving the Seniors. A portion of the gratitude grant was used to purchase 12 turkeys and all the fixin's. It is a much appreciated and enjoyed event by all that attend or volunteer.



CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE

On November 6th, 2015, Grandview-Hickman Mills Lodge #2088 hosted the annual Christmas Assistance Program Pie & Cake Auction. With the proceeds from the auction and many generous donations the lodge was able to assist 60 families with groceries and gift cards from Wal-Mart. Additionally, approximately 35 bikes were given out to the kids. These bikes were donated to our lodge and after some of our Elk elves did some repairs we were able to make several children happy at Christmas.

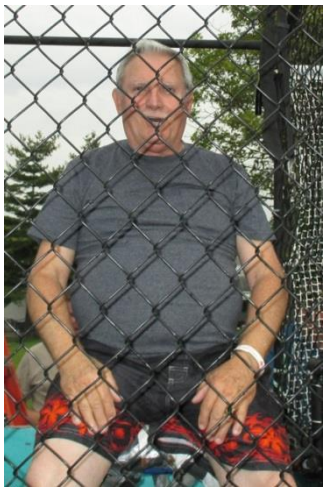


Breakfast with Santa

Grandview-Hickman Mills Lodge #2088 hosted a Kid's Pancake Breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. We served 37 children pancakes shaped like Santa's hat with sausage and juice. All the kids that came out to had a chance discuss their Christmas wishes with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. The Lodge also gifted each child a stocking with candy and toys (age appropriate) in them.

District Picnic

August 22nd



Cake Walk



DDGER/VP MEETING AUGUST 10TH



Auditor Bob Wikoff, EDDGER Dave Callier, DDGER Joe McCarthy, Troy Chaplain Pauline McCarthy and Troy ER Casey Powelson



Officer at Large, Tiler – Dr. John Israel, Vice President – Bill De Larber, Director – Steve Still

During the meeting Grand Lodge Citations were presented to the Lodges for areas as far as low lapsation, a gain in membership and All American Lodge participation.



ER's Doug McWard, Cecilia Russell, Tony Johns, Casey Powelson, Patrick Dolan, Mark Lawler, Tom Sontheimer, Eric Lowing

Ellisville Lodge #2664

On August 1st, the Ellisville Lodge handed out three \$500.00 local scholarships to our local scholarship winners, Marissa Politte, David Wasserman, and our newest recipient, Amanda Biggs. Our Lodge had a luncheon banquet for this event and all had a great time.



Exalted Ruler, Cis Russell, Scholarship Recipient Ananda Biggs, and our Scholarship Chair Cindy Ewing (L-R)



Pictured (L-R) Hallen Riedt, Exalted Ruler Cis Russell (Back) Adilyn Frisch, Bobby Lemulin, Bentleigh Frisch, and Miller Duerksen (Front Right)

Ellisville Lodge #2664

On October 3, 2015, in conjunction with our Annual Youth fishing Derby, the Ellisville Elks also promoted our Drug Awareness Program by handing out “You’re too smart to start” book markers to all of the participants of our Youth Fishing Derby.

Ellisville Lodge #2664

On September 29, 2015, with the help of our Gratitude Grants, the Ellisville Elks handed out 214 Webster Dictionaries to three schools, Ballwin, Woerther, and Pond Elementary Schools. Below are pictures from Ballwin Elementary School where we delivered 73 dictionaries to three different 3rd grade classes.



Aarav Bhattacharyya, Teacher Laura Steuber, Paige McCandless, and Exalted Ruler Cis Russell (L-R)



Teacher, Ms. Hutton's 3rd Grade Class



Exalted Ruler Cis Russell, Quinn Lepper, Makaila Ellis, and Teacher Miss Spurgeon (L-R)

Ellisville Lodge #2664

The Ellisville Elks held our annual Youth Fishing Derby on October 3, 2015. We had a small turnout, but all the kids had a great time. Along with the fishing, the Elks provided a goodie bag full of toys and fishing poles to all the kids that participated.

Miller Duerksen was the big winner of the day, pictured with one of his four catches of the day. He won the trophies for the most fish caught and largest fish caught.



Bentleigh Frisch won the trophy for the smallest fish caught

Ellisville Lodge #2664

Mrs. Rhodes third grade class at Saint Clare of Assisi Catholic School received 30 dictionary donations from the Ellisville Elks Lodge 2664 on October 8, 2015. At the time, the school did not have publication release forms for the third graders, so the Elks had our picture taken with the third grade teacher. In conjunction with the Dictionary Project, each student and teacher received a DARE bookmark to use with their dictionaries, which is promoting "You're too smart to start".

Mike Polson,
Lodge Secretary,
Mrs. Rhodes,
Third Grade
Teacher, and Cis
Russell, Exalted
ruler (L-R)



Ellisville Lodge #2664

On November 14th, the Ellisville Elks celebrated Veterans Month by going to the St. James MO. Retirement home and provided 80 Retired Veterans with a BBQ meal with all the fixings. Along with the BBQ Lunch, all veterans received a goodie bag with t-shirts, socks, playing cards, and much more. Among the retired Veterans there were 5 female Retired Veterans that received special goodie bags that were created just for them.

Retired
Veteran Ruby
Hendryx,
showing off
her goodie
bag



St. Charles Lodge #690

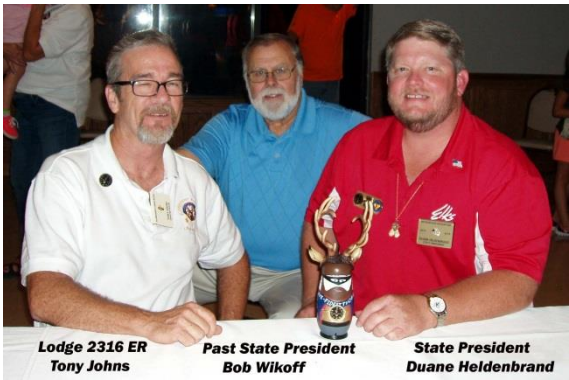
On September 27, 2015, 1st Responder Award Ceremony was attended by State President Duane Heldenbrand and his wife Angie, State President Elect John Gross and wife Sarah, State President Admin. Assistant, Charlie Carol and friend Rachelle. Also in attendance were Past State Presidents Brian Crawford and wife Betsy, Skip Bell and wife Carol, Harry Henneman and wife Judy, with a number of current and past state officers and a couple of past district deputies. State President Duane helped present the 1st Responders with the awards to each of the recipients.

Back row is: ER Mark Lawler, John Still,
and State President Duane Heldenbrand
Front row is: Cottleville Fire Protection
District Firefighter Bill Huesmann, St. Peters
Police Department: Detective Greg Bittle and
Detective Scott Rudder, St. Charles City
Police Department: P.O. Greg Witterholt



Florissant Lodge #2316

On September 26, 2015, State President Duane Heldenbrand and his wife Angie, State President Elect John Gross and wife Sarah, State President Admin. Assistant, Charlie Carol and friend Rachelle joined the Florissant Elks for Birthday/Anniversary Steak night. It was a full house for dinner and karaoke. Handcrafted gifts by ER Tony Johns were presented to Duane.



Metro East Trivia Night

On October 24, 2015, Trivia Night was held at St. Charles Lodge #690 to benefit Benevolent Trust. Between the different baskets being auctioned, the different \$5.00 paper bags, and the 50/50, the Trivia night was able to raise over \$2000.00. The decorated table prize went to Affton Lodge; the best costumes went to the Seven Dwarfs, Snow White and Prince Charming from Heritage Dental Group. The Winner of the trivia for the night was the Affton Lodge who took home the traveling trophy.



Seven Dwarfs, Snow White and Prince Charming
From the Heritage Dental Group



Black Eyed P's
John and Mary Still



Affton Lodge Decorated Table
Winner

Metro East Participates in St. Louis Parade

On November 7, 2015, today Metro East District Elks participated in the Veterans Parade in Downtown St. Louis. Some walked the route, some rode on a trailer with the many flags of our great nation and a few rode in a trolley driven by Affton Exalted Ruler, Patrick D. Dolan. On board the trolley was a very special Veteran and his wife, Owen (96) and Mary Jane (91) Nagel and who have been married 73 years. Owen is the oldest living Naval World War II Veteran in the USA. Owen is also a life time member of the Affton Lodge.



Top Row: PER Tony Dalske, Sue Fitzgerald, Todd Morton, Joe Cichacki, ER Doug McWard, ER Mark Lawler, Bella Bartner, Janice Lawler. Bottom Row: Kathy Colbeck, Owen Nagle, PDDGER Carole Meatte, ER Patrick Dolan



Contestant (Boys)	Age Group	Placed	District
Carlos Caceres	U14	2nd	NW
Wyatt Brandsgaard	U12	Participant	NW
Willam Hanak	U10	2nd	ME
Isaac Bailey	U8	2nd	NW
Contestant (Girls)	Age Group	Placed	District
Mackenzie Schubert	U14	2nd	SE
Arianna Darling	U12	Participant	MW
Emma Roberts	U10	1st	NW
Jaiden Rodenberg	U8	2nd	NW

Under 14		
Contestant Name	Score	District
Carlos Caceres	49	NW
Paul Adams	25	SE

Under 12		
Contestant Name	Score	District
Wyatt Brandsgaard	28	NW

Under 10		
Contestant Name	Score	District
Willam Hanak	36	ME
Rolen Sanderson	35	SE
Jake Schnadede	12	NW

Under 8		
Contestant Name	Score	District
Isaac Bailey	34	NW
Clayton Thorne	27	SE



Girls		
Under 14		
Contestant Name	Score	District
Mackenzie Schubert	33	SE
Janice Shew	30	NW

U12		
Contestant Name	Score	District
Arianna Darling	30	MW
Emelia Wunderlich	27	SE
Bethany Daniels	16	ME

U10		
Contestant Name	Score	District
Emma Roberts	40	NW
Sylvia Kester	18	SE
Caroline Arslanbas	17	ME
Claire Willson	8	MW

Under 8		
Contestant Name	Score	District
Jaiden Rodenberg	31	NW



Emma Roberts U10 Champion



Troy #2805



Washington Elks Lodge #1559



The lodge sponsored an Ice Cream Social at the St. Louis Veterans Home in November. Music was provided along with ice cream, soda and clothes. The lodge made a \$1000 donation toward year long activities



Using funds from a Promise Grant the lodge sponsored a Sock Hop for members of the Franklin County Developmental Services Recreation Group. An afternoon of dancing, food and access to photo booth created many fun memories.



Elroy was present at a community event in downtown Washington and helped kick-off Drug Awareness Month and Red Ribbon Week. Here he poses with some of Washington's finest.



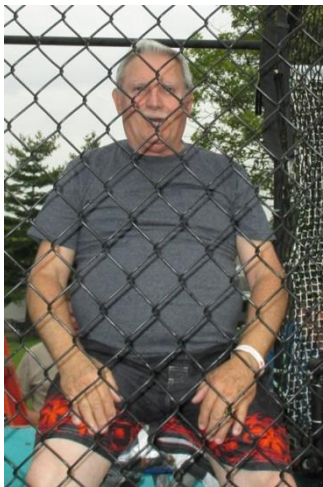
The 15th Annual Kids Fishing Derby was held in September and Elroy was present to award trophies and prizes to the winners of the derby. 90 children from ages 6-12 participated in the event.



Elk members, friends and family gather in prayer before joining together to assemble 250 boxes of food and toys. There were over 400 children that received toys. The Christmas Boxes is a yearly activity sponsored by the Washington Lodge for needy families at Christmas.

District Picnic

August 22nd



DDGER/VP MEETING AUGUST 10TH



Auditor Bob Wikoff, EDDGER Dave Callier, DDGER Joe McCarthy, Troy Chaplain Pauline McCarthy and Troy ER Casey Powelson



Officer at Large, Tiler – Dr. John Israel, Vice President – Bill De Larber, Director – Steve Still

During the meeting Grand Lodge Citations were presented to the Lodges for areas as far as low lapsation, a gain in membership and All American Lodge participation.



ER's Doug McWard, Cecilia Russell, Tony Johns, Casey Powelson, Patrick Dolan, Mark Lawler, Tom Sontheimer, Eric Lowing



Convention

Fall

2015





MISSOURI ELKS NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

World Champion Kansas City Royals versus St. Louis Cardinals

Busch Stadium

Thursday, June 30, 2016

6:15 pm CDT

Cutoff date for ticket orders is April 11, 2016

Initial block of tickets is 300. If orders exceed 300, additional seating will be based on availability and discretion of the Cardinals.

All efforts will be made to seat groups/ lodges as close together as possible.

Elks and their guests welcome. Tickets awarded on first come basis. No refunds.

Tickets subject to terms and conditions specified on the ticket and subject to Cardinal's rainout policy and other policies, rules and regulations of Busch Stadium.

Tickets may not be resold via StubHub or any other secondary ticket market per Cardinal ticket policy. Resales are trackable by the Cardinals.

Ticket price of \$21.00 includes seat and \$3.00 donation to the Missouri Benevolent Trust, Royals Charities and Cardinal Care (\$1.00 to each).

Additional donations may be specified below.

Ticket price \$21.00 x # of tickets _____ = \$ _____

Additional donation

MO Benevolent Trust \$ _____

Royals Charities \$ _____

Cardinals Care \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Lodge Name /Number: _____

District: _____

Make check payable to Missouri Elks Association

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John Yeager
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Tickets will be sent to your lodge.